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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment was steady at best on retail sized hens, mostly steady on toms. Offers were fully adequate for the limited buyers interest. Supplies of breast meat and trims were easily obtainable. Cooked and deli demand improved but was not up to expectations. Trading was fairly good on plant grade and A grade 4-8 pound breasts at steady prices. Plant grade basted 16-18 pound breasts traded at 80 cents.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade activity was moderate on hen and tom thigh meat, light on tom drums, wings and v-type wings. Tom hand cut defatted gizzards moved at 46 cents delivered port.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 07, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
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EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-					
16-24 LB TOMS					-	-	-	-	-
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	58	58.00	20					

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WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 MAY 2003.

The undertone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady on drums, steady to barely steady on the balance of items. Domestic demand and trading was light on all items. Offerings of tom bulk parts ranged from mostly adequate on drums to instances ample on tom 2-joint wings. Export demand continued to range fair to instances good with the best interest noted for Russia. Trading into export channels centered on a fair volume of tom drums, balance light. Offerings were uneven with availability sometimes dependant upon export destination.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	89.00	1,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	84.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	23
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	12.50-14.00		13.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	18.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.00	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.00	60
NECKS, TOM		F	22.00	40
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	118.15	130
THIGH MEAT		F	51.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.50	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	67.50	120
SCAPULA MEAT	60.00		60.00	160
TENDERLOINS		F	95.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.00	50
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.14	70

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.50-22.00		20.10	287
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	12.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	104
TAILS		M	16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00-63.00		60.73	131

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	94-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 7 MAY 2003.

The white meat undertone was steady at best. Demand was slow and disappointing for the time of year. Cooked and deli demand continued to show improvement, however movement was not up to expectations. Offerings were generally available on destrapped tenderloins, balance adequate to ample. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was about steady. Demand fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Institutional rib breast undertone was steady to barely steady. Demand light for the readily available supplies. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady to instances fully steady with inventories becoming better balanced for some. Domestic trading centered on a moderate volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Plant grade basted breasts traded at 92 on 14-16 lb. sizes and 80 cents delivered on 16-18 lb. sizes. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen thigh meat, balance light. Fresh tom drums traded at 19 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	89.00-90.00		89.67	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	83.00-84.00		83.23	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	13.00		13.00	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	18.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00-26.00		22.15	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00		53.00	40
NECKS, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.22	9
NECKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	112.00		112.00	26
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	120.00		120.00	20
THIGH MEAT	51.00		51.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.50	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT	65.00		65.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT		T	60.00	160
TENDERLOINS		F	95.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.00	50
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	20.00		20.00	20

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.75-20.00		19.89	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	13.00-14.00		13.50	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	208
TAILS		M	16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00-51.00		48.10	540

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/07/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	-	370,572	370,872
2001-2002	10,000	380,874	381,174

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/30/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	2,142	370,572	370,872
2001-2002	8,760	370,874	371,174

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